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The June edition of the CALL LETTER, has been plagued with some major computer problems as well as the editor having a commitment, first to his faith, second to the family & lastly to his hobbies.

Your editor is extremely sorry that this edition is so very late in reaching you. But my time did not permit work on it to the exclusion of my other obligations.

If the Northwest Vintage Radio Society is going to keep the quality and frequency of the CALL LETTER up to par, it will have to look diligently for a new editor.

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JUNE

DATE : June 13th, 1987
TIME : 11:00
PLACE : Buena Vista Clubhouse
ADDRESS : 16th & Jackson streets
Oregon City, Oregon

There was a meeting of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society on June 13th at 11 am. This did not get mailed in time for many of you to be duly notified.

The Society meets the 2nd Saturday of every month with the exception of JULY and AUGUST. The meeting start at 11 am. and often include a speaker or special event such as a contest, auction or swap meet. The public is welcome at all meetings and membership is encouraged to participate in events such as selling at the Swap meets.

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ATMOSPHERICA

By J

Indian Summer

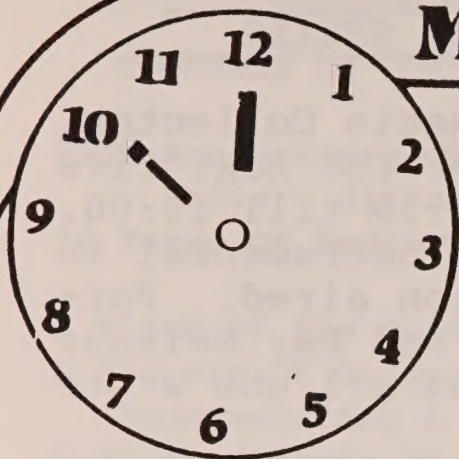
Indian Summer had come-
I was hot on the Trail
Of an old Brewer-Tully
I'd Sensed was for sale.
It's condition was mint,
The tubes were all fine.
I couldn't wait to make
This neat old set mine!

The owner was senile,
Lived back in theicks;
The house was dim lighted
By old fashioned wicks.
But a fly in the ointment
Now came to the front,
In the form of a nephew,
Who'd dropt in to hunt.

He'd told his old uncle
That some folks he'd met,
Were paying a fortune
For an old time set.
I drove home empty handed,
The deal didn't jell;
Made me wish that nephew
had a ringside seat in Purgatory!

A classic from the Tom James Collection
Originally printed in January 1980

Meeting Minutes



The May 9th meeting of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society was called to order by our President Ray Nelson. Minutes of the April 11th meeting were approved as published in

the CALL LETTER. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted with a current balance of \$1,180.85.

GOOD and WELFARE NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Ray Nelson has pursued the possibility of having KOAP-TV broadcast a series on radio collecting and restoration which was produced in California. His only response at this time was that the station may consider it after reviewing the first episode.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

LEADS AND NEEDS:

The reproduction knob business which was started by Keith Parry, and later operated by Kent Wakefield is now being handled by:

Larry Bordonaro
Old time Replications
5744 Tobias St, Van Nuys, CA 91411
(818) 786-2500

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 and the May Swap Meet began.

Norris Jackson
Recording Secretary

SPECIAL TELEVISION SERIES

KOAP-TV will air **The Radio Collector**, a series in five parts for the next five Sunday mornings, from 10:30 till 11:00. Many of our members were instrumental in getting this presentation aired. Particularly Morgan McMahon and Ray Nelson. Special thanks to them and all who wrote to KOAP-TV.

A five-part series on the history, collection and restoration of antique radio will be offered to all PBS stations over the Pacific Mountain Network during April and May of 1987. Radio Collector was produced by Mike Adams at California State University, Fullerton and features dozens of collectors and hundreds of radios from the first half of this century.

Meet radio actors and see how it was during the "golden age of radio programming", see the start of amateur radio, visit a swap meet with the Southern California Antique Radio Society and watch the restoration of a 1929 Silver-tone radio. Flick of the Switch author and radio historian Morgan McMahon puts the invention and development of the radio into perspective.

Part history and part hobby, Radio Collector was nominated last year for an EMMY, best informational series, by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Los Angeles area.

The NVRS Library List

Courtesy of Chuck Kibler, Librarian

25TH Anniversary Observance, Transistor
Radio & Silicon Transistor
70 Years Of Radio Tubes & Valves

A Flick Of The Switch
A History Of Consumer Electronics
Commemorating A Century OF Elec
A Short History Of Electrical Communication
Aligning Philco Radios
Alternating Currents In Radio Receivers
Amateur Radio Theory Course
Atwater Kent Radio Service Data
Aunt Sammys Radio Recipes
Automatic Record Changer Service Manual, 1947
Automatic Record Changer Service Manual, 1949
Collecting Old Radios
Complete Index For Rider's Manuals, 1-10
Directory Of Antique Radio Services

Earl Manual
Electronic Technician, Vol.5, 1962 (Schematics)
Electronic Technician, Vol.7, 1965 (Schematics)
Electronic Tubes, Ratings

Fundamentals Of Radio
Fundamentals Of Radio
Fundamentals Of Radio

General Dry Batteries Specification Manual

Hallicrafters Partial Product Listing, 1932-72
How To Use Signal And Sweep Generators

IEEE Recognizes 3 Achievements In Mobile Radio

Majestic Radio Parts Cat., Supp. 1, Chass. 460
Majestic Radio Parts Cat., Supp. 2, Chass. 440
Majestic Radio Parts Cat., Supp. 3, Chass. 500
Majestic Radio Parts Cat., Supp. 4, Chass. 800
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Majestic Service Manual, Chass. 110
Majestic Service Manual, Chass. 15, 15B, 150, 25
Majestic Service Manual, Chass. 20
Majestic Service Manual, Chass. 25B & 35
Majestic Service Manual, Chass. 30
Majestic Service Manual, Chass. 300, 310A, B&320
Majestic Service Manual, Chass. 50
Majestic Service Manual, Chass. 60 & 160
Marconi, Pioneer of Radio
Math. Essential To Electricity And Radio
Modern Oscilloscopes And Their Uses
Monochrome TV & Home Enter. Cntrs., 1961-1962
Most Often Needed 1926-1938 Radio Diagrams
Most Often Needed 1947 FM & TV Diagrams
Most Often Needed 1948 Radio Diagrams, Vol.8
Most Often Needed 1956 Radio Diagrams, Vol.R16
Most Often Needed TV And Radio Diagrams Index
Motorola Combined Service Manual, 1937
Oscillator At Work, The

Packard Bell Service Manual, TV 21CT7 & 8
Philco 1939 RMS Year Book
Philco 1940 RMS Year Book
Philco 1941 RMS Year Book
Philco 1942 RMS Year Book
Picture Book Of TV Troubles, Vol. 1
Picture Book Of TV Troubles, Vol. 2
Picture Book Of TV Troubles, Vol. 3
Picture Book Of TV Troubles, Vol. 4
Principles And Practices Of Radio Servicing
Principles Of Electricity Applied To Telephone
And Telegraph Work

RCA Receiving Tube & TV Picture Tube Manual
RCA Receiving Tube Manual
RCA Victor Service Notes For 1931-1932
RCA Victor Service Notes For 1933
RCA Victor Service Notes For 1936
RCA Victor Service Notes For 1937
RCA Victor Service Notes For 1938
RMS Radio & Phono Cabinets Catalog, 1946
RMS Radio & Phono Cabinets Catalog, 1947

Tour Of The Antique Wireless Museum -
60 Minute Video Tape (VHS)
Tube Complement Book, 1937

Vacuum Tube Voltmeters
Vibrator Replacement Guide
Vintage Radio
Volume Control Guide, 11th Edition
Volume Control Replacement Manual,

Westinghouse Centennial 1886-1986,
Radio, A History
When Radio Was King - Sky Magazine (DELTA)
Western Electric Receiver
N. 555 Instructions
When Tubes Beat Crystals

Zenith 1942 Receiver Serv. Manual

Contact Chuck if you would like to use
any of these books. He will bring them
to the next society meeting.

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The Radio Days of the Titanic
"The Mystery"

"...one state of this tragedy still haunts me. Early next day Tuesday, April 16th, we were advised that the cruisers USS Salem and USS Chester had been dispatched by presidential order to intercept and contact the Carpathia still far off shore. They were to ascertain the state of certain prominent passengers: John Jacob Aster, Isadora Strauss, Van Gugenheim, and particularly Major Archebald W. Butts, who was returning from Europe presumably with confidential information for President Wilson. Later it was confirmed that all had perished.

"The Salem and Chester made repeated efforts to contact the Carpathia, even with the aid of NAH, but without result. Earlier in the day I had intercepted a message from MSE at Seagate to the rescued Harold Bride as follows: "Hold your story for dollars in 4 figures. Signed, Sammish". Was this the reason for Carpathia's continued silence, even ignoring presidential concerns?

"At the congressional investigation following the docking of the Carpathia, it was learned that the British Marconi company employed Jack Philips, the senior operator of the Titanic, at 6 Lb Sterling approximately \$28 per month. And Harold Bride, a second operator, at 4 Lb Sterling, about \$20 per month. This seemed like a paltry insurance premium for the potential safety of over 2200 lives.

"As of this period, only four ships carried two operators. All other wireless equipped vessels, presumably for economic reasons, shipped only one. Of course a primary use of this new medium of communication was for company business and for its revenue value in public messages. It is doubtful that a 24 hour vigil could have saved all the lives as the rescue ships had been too far away. There were still many variable and

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unpredictable factors involved in a fair appraisal of the true insurance significance of wireless despite the famous Jack Binns S.O.S. episode of January 23, 1909 on a White Star liner Republic.

"It was also disclosed that Cottom of the Carpathia failed to acknowledge the calls from the cruisers Salem and Chester because the Navy operators used the American Morris Code while he was versed only in the Continental Code, despite the fact that there is a difference of only 11 letters between the two. This claim is questionable, because Navy operators, for the sake of uniformity, were drilled in the Continental code. Besides, I had offered to act as a relay station and could handle either code. All our pertinent station records were later requisitioned by congress for this investigation.

"Admittedly many of the American wireless operators of that day had been dyed in the wool railroad telegraphers using the Morris Code. It was however almost essential for a land station man to be able to send and receive over air and land wire both Morris and Continental. The US revenue cutters Mohawk NRM and Seneca NRE had Morris men. Occasional we encountered a Navy former signalman who like the dots & dashes of the "Arnord Blinker Code" thus adding to our confusion. A certain transition from the clickety-space-clack of the land wire sounder with its traditional Prince Albert tobacco can resonator to the more soothing dit-dat-buz of the wireless signal was also quite disturbing and confusing.

"The Titanic was reportedly unsinkable, with facilities for isolating any flooding or damaged compartment. Was Major Butts the possessor of

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SPECIAL RADIO SALE

Radio collector and long time member of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society, Dick Howard, with his able-bodied son, Dan will bring to the Northwest one of the biggest and best "oldies & goodies" sales in some time. Don't miss it.

PUBLIC SALE
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1. acquisition of additional property
2. to record in order of acquisition

Jerry Talbott:

1938 Spartan Large Tombstone
1942 Arvin 532A - Maroon & Amber Catlin
1952 Philco 52-542 Red & Black "Deco"
RCA 44Bx Velocity Microphone

Dan Howard:

A Right angled "Vibroplex" circa 1905

Dick Karman:

1948 Farnsworth Table set with
Television "bridge"

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highly secret and confidential information bearing on a darkening cloud between Great Britain and Germany with war actually declared 2 years later? Was the sinking of the Titanic opportunely accelerated by sabotage to prevent delivery of this confidential information carried by the President's emissary? And at the same time destroy England's new potentially high capacity troop carrier? It could be in light of the cloak and dagger international activities always in progress.

"The proceeding is a true and factual account of my connection with that tragic episode.

This is the third of three parts of a 1965 interview with wireless operator Joe Danko. Both historical and informative, it was made possible through the California Historical Radio Society News (Audio) Vol. 10 No. 3.

SWAP SHOP

Wanted Philco Speaker to fit model 70
Edwin Buhite, 4041 NE Wisteria Dr.
Portland, 97212 (503) 288-8714

Wanted Riders Vol. 1 & 2 & 15 and up.
Richard Dielschneider, 7040 SW 2nd
Portland, OR 97219, (503) 246-1062

Wanted Radio Horns and 3-knob battery
sets. Del Hambly 1930 139th Ave
Beaverton, OR 97005 (503) 646-7109

For Sale Used Radio tubes, As-Is sets
and lots of parts. John Eckman (503)
254-0121

California Historical Radio Society will
have their summer swap on August 22nd at
Foot Hills college.

For Sale RCA Electrola RE-45 Ed Buhite
(see address above)

WANTED: A man in Salem is the great
grandson of man who built DeWald
Radios. He would like very much to
have a DeWald set for his own,
preferably a console. This request
comes third hand, but it is no less
sincere. Contact Mrs. Ottosen at
2545 Fisher Rd., Salem Or 97305 (503)
363-8873

Wanted: Editor and associate editor for
the Call Letter. Contact President
Ray Nelson.